



VX ONE 2024 FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

March 2-3, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The organizing authority (OA) is Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC), located at, 2991 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

The notation [DP] means that the penalty for breaking this provision will be a discretionary penalty, which may be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The VX One class rules will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.4 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the Race Committee (RC). *This changes RRS 41(c).*
- 1.5 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, and shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided, by Vakaros, to any boat that does not have one available.
- 1.6 RaceSense information is available to all boats.
- 1.7 Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for opening a hearing considering redress. *This changes RRS 60.1 (b) and 63.1.*

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board online https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26748#_newsroom.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races, which will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes may also be made to the sailing instructions prior to the first warning signal by displaying code flag L on the RC vessel and advising of the change by VHF Ch 73.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the lawn at CGSC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Events

5.1 Friday, March 1, 2024

1000 -1800 Equipment Load in at Regatta Park

1630-1730 Check-in @ CGSC

1830 Skipper's Meeting @ CGSC, followed by Dinner

Saturday, March 2, 2024

1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s

To be followed by VX Ones

Sunday, March 3, 2024

1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s

To be followed by VX Ones

1500 No warning signal will be made after this time.

1630 Prize Giving at CGSC

- 5.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled for this Championship.
- 5.3 Four (4) races may be sailed back to back on each day.
- 5.4 No more than four (4) races may be sailed in one day.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races shall begin soon, a series of short sound signals may be made.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag shall be a white flag with the VX One insignia.

7 RACING AREA

The sailing venue will be in the vicinity of Dinner Key Channel Fl G 2.5s 5M "1."

8 COURSES

8.1 Course Designations:

COURSE # L - Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish

COURSE # W - Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Windward Finish

8.2 Course diagrams are set forth in Addendum B.

8.3 The windward mark (1) and the accompanying offset mark (1a) shall be left to port.

8.4 If one of the leeward gate marks (2s/2p) is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

8.5 Courses will be posted on a RC signal vessel course board prior to the warning signal of each race. The number of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed. *This changes RRS 27.1.*

9 MARKS

9.1 The windward mark (1) and leeward gates (2s/2p) will be orange inflatable marks.

9.2 The offset mark (1a) will be an orange inflatable cylinder mark.

9.3 If only one gate mark is present, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

9.4 When changing the next leg of the course (SI Section 12), the new mark, unless the change is for the final leg of course, will be a yellow inflatable mark(s).

10 START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end pin vessel or the course side of an inflatable mark, which will be described in the competitors meeting.

- 10.3 An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the RC vessel(s) and will function as an extension of the RC vessel(s).
- 10.4 Following the display of the Individual Recall Flag, the RC will attempt to announce by VHF radio the sail or bow numbers of all boats identified as OCS who have not cleared themselves. Such an announcement is a courtesy and failure of the RC to make the announcement or of competitors to hear the announcement shall not constitute grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).*
- 10.5 The RC will display bow or sail numbers of UFD or BFD boats from the signal vessel as the fleet finishes.
- 10.6 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4.1.*

11 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 If the change is for a windward leg, the new mark will be a yellow inflatable mark, unless the change is for the final leg of Course W, in which case the finish line will be in the new position.
- 11.2 If the change is for a leeward leg, the new gate marks will be yellow inflatables, unless the first change is for the final leg of Course L, in which case the finish line will be in the new position.
- 11.3 At the discretion of the RC, marks may be moved up to 10 degrees and 0.1nm without signaling a change and will be announced by VHF radio before the first boat reaches the mark, although the changed mark may not yet be in place. *This changes RRS 33*
- 11.4 If the weather mark (1) has been changed according to RRS 33, the offset mark (1a) will be set in the same color as the new weather mark.

12 FINISH

- 12.1 The Finish Line for leeward finishes (Course L) will be on the starboard side of the RC signal vessel. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of a Green inflatable mark, or between staffs displaying blue flags on RC vessels.
- 12.2 The Finish Line for windward finishes (Course W) will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC vessel and the course side of a nearby mark to port of the RC vessel, or between staffs displaying blue flags on RC vessels.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The target time for all races will be 40 minutes.
- 13.2 The time limit for all races will be 70 minutes.
- 13.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

13.4 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes of the first boat sailing the course and finishing will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

14. HAUL OUT

14.1 Boats may be hauled out after each day's racing without the express written permission of the RC.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 The RC may communicate information to the competing boats during the course of the race. All boats are to monitor VHF Channel 73 for the duration of the race.

15.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 16.1 A boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees is requested, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes to inform the RC at the finishing line of her intent to protest and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

16.2. **Protest Time Limit** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC finish vessel docks. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the ONB as soon as practical.

16.3. The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the RC or Protest Committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. It is a boat's sole responsibility to check the Hearing Schedule at Regatta Network or your email promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest.

16.4. Scoring Inquiries, including potential redress requests relating to a scoring penalty, are considered Requests for Redress per RRS 62.1. They should be initiated by filling out the online form "Request for Scoring Review" <https://forms.gle/Mo9BbySShMpg6c2p8>

16.5. Alternatively, a completed Scoring Inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org. Questions about the status of scoring inquiries can be emailed to ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org. The RC will investigate, inform the competitor, and attempt to resolve the issue. If the competitor chooses to seek redress under RRS 60.1(b), then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the redress time limit expired.

16.6. **Protests and Requests for Redress unrelated to a starting penalty should be initiated by** filling out the online Protest/Redress form at the protest form link

<https://forms.gle/gvXqTBKbbLj7nD5K8> If a diagram is required, it should be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org.

- 16.7. Alternatively, a completed Protest form may be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org. Questions about the status of protests and redress requests can be emailed to Protest@cgsc.org.
- 16.8. If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, UFD or BFD on the ONB before the time limit cited in SI 14.2, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the posting or the protest time limit, whichever is later. *This change is added to RRS 62.2.*
- 16.9. **Requests for redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty** shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the RC may have made. Further, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. *This change is added to RRS 62.2.* See World Sailing Case 136 for guidance.
- 16.10. **On the last scheduled day of racing** a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This change is added as the last sentence to RRS 62.2.*

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Points Scoring System specified in RRS Appendix A will apply as modified below.
- 17.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score when six (6) or more races are completed.

18 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times while afloat.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

19. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

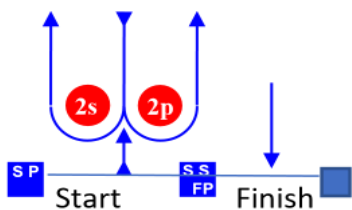
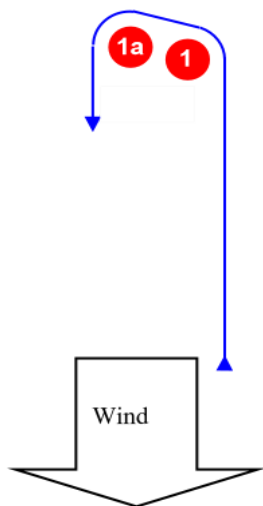
- 19.1 Limitations
- (a) The crew shall consist of a minimum of two (2) persons. Any member of the crew may act as helmsperson at any time if they meet the provisions of Class Rule C.2.1(d).
- (b) No crew member shall be substituted during an event unless express written consent is granted by the Principal Race Officer.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ADDENDUM B - Course Diagrams

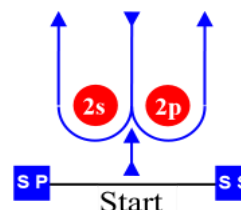
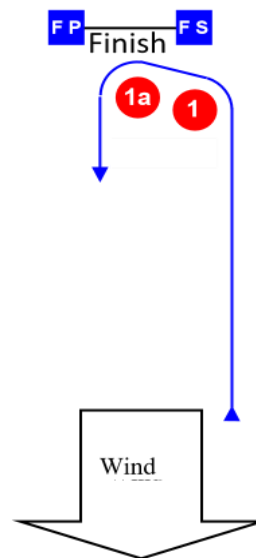
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish

W



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish